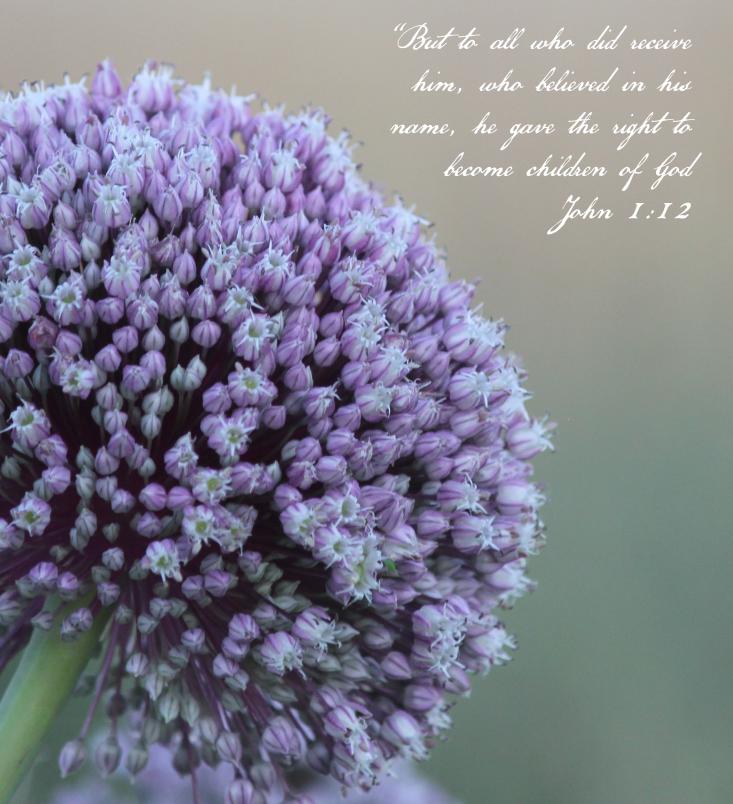
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VBS - A ROARING GOOD TIME!

Ariel Schulz & Sarah Anderson

When life is unfair...
When life is scary...
When life changes...
When life is sad...
When life is good...

GOD IS GOOD!

God is good! That was the message for kids and adults at VBS this year as we met the week of Aug. 5 - 9 for a roaring good time!

There were about 50 kids ages 4 through 5th grade in attendance, along with 40+ youth and teens and many adults helping as crew leaders and serving in various jobs around the church.

Each day in the mission station kids learned about Uganda, Mission Aviation Fellowship or our friend Konnor Massa's upcoming mission in Asia. The kids collected change throughout the week and together raised more than \$1,000 for the "Goodness Bucket," which will be sent to Uganda to help the orphans at Hope for All Children attend school this year.

Throughout the week, the kids learned about God's goodness and how he helped the Israelites at the Bible story station. Additionally, the kids also made fun crafts, played games, and ate tasty food.

We want to thank the amazing volunteers who helped make VBS a possibility - from the kitchen crew, to station leaders and those prayer warriors who gathered each day to pray for the kids and teens! VBS happens because of you—THANK YOU!





SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS 9/22

Brenda Cook

Sunday school starts up again for the school year on September 22 and takes place between the morning worship services from 10:15-11 AM. Classes are available for ages 3 (and potty trained) through 12th grade! All classes, in concert with our sermon series, will be studying the Lord's Prayer for the first six weeks.

Please be respectful of our short class time and check in your kids (at the top of the stairs) a few minutes before 10:15. Thank you.





PALOUSE DAYS Buffalo BBQ

Sunday | 09/15 | 11:30 AM - 2 PM

Buffalo Burgers, Baked Lentils, Salad & Dessert

\$10 Suggested Donation All Proceeds Benefit the Palouse Food Pantry

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NEVER GIVE UP

Tina Laughary

Do you know what the hardest thing is about loving someone? The hardest thing about loving someone is knowing you cannot make them do what you want them to do. You may see them making questionable choices, headed down wrong paths and you are powerless to stop them. As much as



you may want to help the loved one make good and wise choices, ultimately it is up to them to do so. This is what keeps us up at night as parents, right? This problem goes far

"God doesn't waste His time with fake devotion. He only desires the real deal."

beyond the parent-child relationship though. I bet you can think of someone in your life right now who is headed down the wrong path. As much as you would love to help them turn things around, the choice is ultimately theirs. Even if someone has expressed a desire to change, which is a step in the right direction, you cannot make the changes for them. You cannot do someone else's heavy lifting.

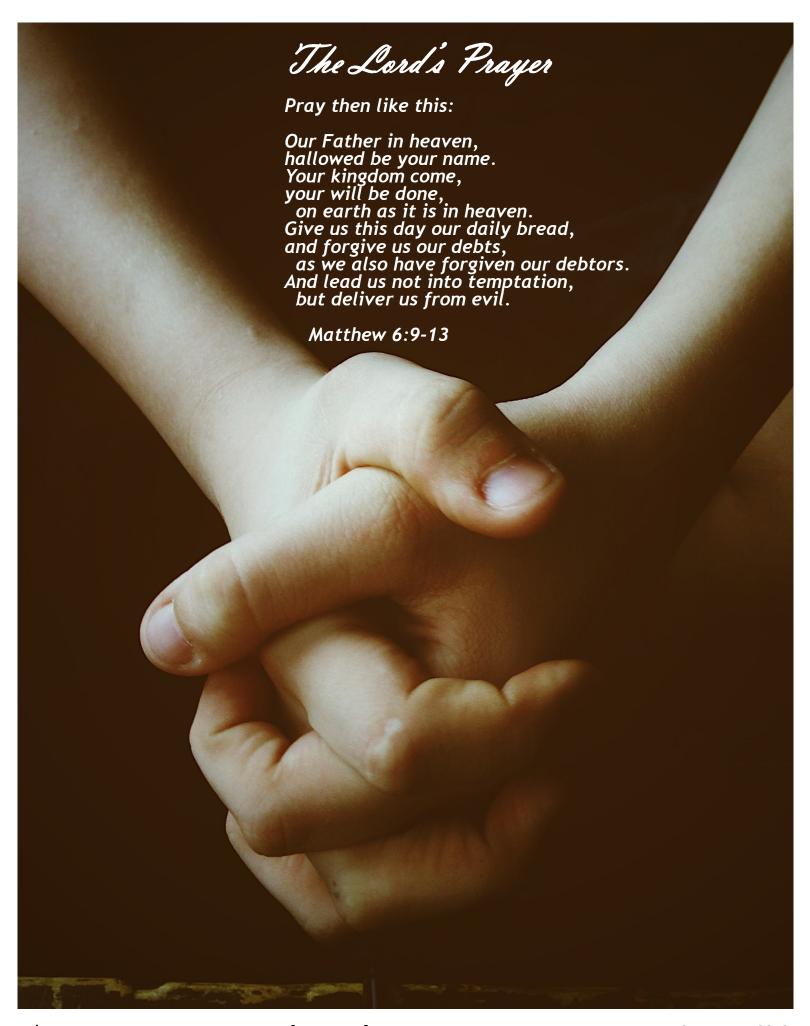
We can learn so much about our human relationships by looking to our heavenly Father and how He chooses to have relationship with us. God has given us something called free will. Because of that free will, God does not force us to make decisions or changes in our lives—even when NOT forcing us means we are headed toward pain. God gives us every opportunity to make the good choice. He never cuts off that line of communication we have with Him, but He does not control us or force us to accept His help. I believe God designed relationships this way because He knows what is best for us. He wants us to WANT Him. He wants us to come to Him. He knows that forced relationship is fake relationship and that voluntary relationship is authentic relationship. God doesn't waste His time with fake devotion. He only desires the real deal.

Even though we cannot force people into change, we are far from powerless. We can learn from the example of our

heavenly Father what our responsibility is. We can be there when they are ready, just as God is there for us. We can keep giving them opportunities to make right choices. Most importantly, we can hold out hope. Our God never gives up on us, He never writes us off. How many times have you spent months, even years praying for a person to change? It can be hard to not give up, to hold out hope. Nothing is impossible for God and He is far more patient than we are. God's timing is always perfect and this should be a great relief for us.

"...never stop praying - God hears your prayers. The God who never gave up on you is still at work."

If there is someone in your life who is headed in the wrong direction, I am sorry. I know how very painful that is. Do not despair, only believe. God's love for that person is even greater than your own and He will never give up. Continue to be there for them (with your boundaries intact). Remember, you do not have the power to change them, so stop trying to. But, never stop praying - God hears your prayers. The God who never gave up on you is still at work. He understands your pain and He loves that person even more than you can imagine.





Bible Studies

Tuesday

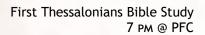
Men's Way Too Early Study Sermon Scriptures 5:30 AM @ PFC

First Thessalonians Bible Study 10 AM @ PFC

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study Sermon Scriptures 9 AM @ PFC

> Youth Group 6:30 PM @ PFC



Thursday

Ladies Bible Study Sermon Scriptures 3 PM @ Tina Laughary's



Oikos -WHAT IS IT?

Your Oikos is the 8 to 15 people you interact with on a regular basis that God has supernaturally and strategi-cally placed in your life friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.

8 to 15

Nobody is better equipped to share the truth of Jesus with them than you.

Pick up and fill out one of our OIKOS Prayer Cards and start praying for the people in your OIKOS to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We even have OIKOS Prayer Cards for Kids!

Or...Download the OIKOS App today - search "8to15" in your app store.

PALOUSE CHURCH ON A HILL **PODCAST**

Each week, Pastor Corey Laughary and Tim Sievers co-host the Church on a Hill Podcast - reviewing the sermon, discussing upcoming events and ministry opportunities and generally having a good time. Ĕach podcast is about 20 minutes so it's easy to listen to on your way to from or Pullman Moscow...or anytime!

Find us on Apple Podcasts, Tuneln, Google Play Music and the SoundCloud App (for smartphones, tablets, etc.) "Palouse search Church on a Hill,"



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or click on the link in the weekly e-mail or on the church's Facebook page.

The podcast is a great way to keep up with what's happening when you're on the go. Check it out and feel free to share it with a friend.

Youth **MINISTRY NEWS**

We've had great summer of Youth ministry ministry here at PFC and we hope to see more youth this



fall. We meet weekly on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. We start with dinner, have a time of worship and learn from the Bible, then we end with some fun games and activities. If you know a youth who is in 6th grade or above, feel free to invite them to our youth

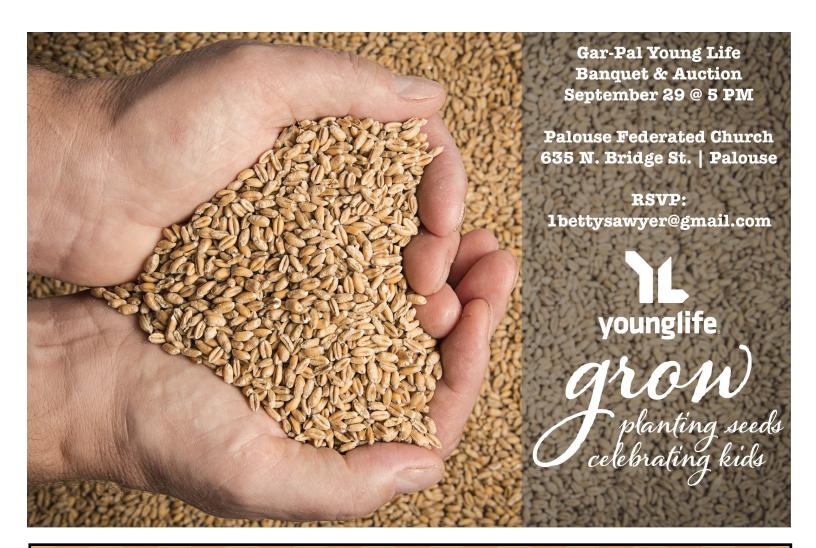
group, or pass along their name to Pastor Corey, or Ariel and Scott Schulz, and we will make sure they are

YOUTH GROUP 6th - 12th Grades invited.

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM Dinner Provided

Join us for Bible Study, Worship & Fun

Important News: Scott and Ariel Schulz are moving to Reardan in early October. We are praying about our youth future ministry leadership. Please keep this in your prayers!



SHOWERS OF LOVE

KEIONA ZACHOW

Due to baby Gabriel's early arrival, the baby shower for Keiona Zachow has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 7 at 3 PM in the PFC Fellowship Hall. Salads and cake will be served.

Please join us as we shower Keiona and Gabriel with love.

All are welcome to attend!

Instead of bringing a traditional card, please consider bringing your favorite children's book!

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Laughary at: (509) 595-4706 or Vickie Griner at (509) 878-1420.

LINDSAY BROWN

A baby shower for Lindsay Brown is scheduled for Sunday, September 8 at 2 PM in the PFC Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Brunner at: (509) 339-7130



"OUR FATHER..."

Pastor Corey Laughary

It may sound strange to some, and too basic for others, but I think two of the words from Jesus that are most radical for us to hear and most needed for our confusing times are "Our Father."



"Our Father"

Why is "Our Father" radical? Why do I think it is important for our confusing times?

First off, it was somewhat radical for Jesus' time. He was asked by His disciples to teach them to pray. In Matthew this prayer, often called the "Lord's Prayer" is found in Matthew 6, the middle chapter of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus' disciples want to know how to pray and his very first word is "Our."

"Our" (hymeis in the Greek) is in the 2nd person, it's a quite straightforward word then and now. It's a word of inclusion togetherness. It's a very brief way for Jesus to make a statement that prayer is something WE are doing TOGETHER. It is also a statement for Jesus that though God is a personal God and relates to us individually, He is also the God who brings His family together. He is the God of Jews and Gentiles, Greeks and Romans, Americans and Africans, Black, White, Asian, Native-American, Hispanic - He is God of "Us" - He is OUR Father.

Now you might be saying "duh""Why is that radical then or now?"
Well, back then religion and "gods"
were seen tribally. Each group had
their beliefs, their god or gods or
goddesses, their way of practicing

goddesses, their way of practicing worship. Religion was deeply divided by ethnic and geographic divisions. That's the way it was - gods and

"Jesus teaches that when we pray to God He is not just for us and against our "enemy" or the outsider to our culture...He is Father to any and all who believe in Him. He loves the citizen and the immigrant-legal or illegal...He is "Our Father," not just "my" Father."

religions were not a unifying reality, they were just one of many things that made one group different from another.

Then Jesus comes to Earth and the world is never the same. He clearly says what the prophets of the Old Testament had been declaring, that God wants to be a light to all nations and that the coming King would be for all people.

When He is asked to teach about prayer, His first word is a statement: "Our." God is for us. Jesus is bringing together one family under His perfect, loving Father. Jesus teaches that when we pray to God He is not just for us and against our "enemy" or the outsider to our culture - when we pray we must admit that He is Father to any and all who believe in Him. He loves the citizen and the immigrant - legal or illegal. He loves the Democrat, the Republican, the Libertarian, the Socialist, and the Independent. He is "Our Father" not just "my" Father. Do we really believe this? I do. I believe God is grieved by the way many Christians are dividing back into "tribes" of who's loved by God and who's not. Christians are not to be making villains of people of other parties, races, or cultures. We are supposed to be inviting people into the family of God through the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are supposed to be increasing the population of people who love calling God "Our Father."

Next, these two words are helpful for our confusing times. People are really struggling with identity issues out there. Many are adrift in the sea of personal freedom, latching on to things like sexuality, gender, thrill-seeking, political party or hobbies as the root of their identity. People are accepting or embracing shallow substitutes as the foundation of their identity. What is the real thing? Each person is a loved child of Father God. Simple, unchanging, non-confusing, available to all and not based on our perceptions or experiences - our identity is fixed and defined by God. We are His children and He is Our Father. That takes faith to say. He is your Father, but you have to believe it in order to say it. People are getting more and more confused and I think I get it. Everyone needs an identity, a purpose. And when people don't find their true identity and purpose in God they are going to fill that void with something else. The job of God's people is to say there is an unchanging and beautiful identity freely available from the loving God. God's people know that each person was created in God's image. The Church should be everywhere declaring that the place to "find yourself" is in finding who made you and has an eternal plan for you. The best way to find clarity for the confusion is to embrace the truth that

GROW: PLANTING SEEDS, CELEBRATING KIDS

Betty Sawyer

It's been said that healthy things grow in Young Life - that can be an area, a club or a kid's understanding of the gospel. Each of these examples and so many more, are causes for joy. What better place to celebrate these than at our GarPal Banquet, Sunday, September 29 at 5 PM at Palouse Federated Church! If you can't make our local banquet, consider attending the Palouse Empire Area Dinner on October 6.

This year's theme "Grow: Planting Seeds, Celebrating Kids" helps us celebrate the parts of the work that

are taking root, growing, or are now in full bloom! We thank those who continually support Young Life through monthly pledges of \$20 or \$100. We are growing seeds of faith in our young people as they meet weekly for fun and a gospel message.





Through events such as the Palouse River Run on Palouse Day, the fall banquet, and monthly pledges, we keep Young Life actively planting seeds, and growing the faith of middle school and high school youth.

Would you join us in praying for the kids' fall retreat, where students from around the area gather for a weekend of activity and encouraging gospel messages? SUPPORT YOUNG LIFE

Palouse River Run Sept. 14, 8 AM

Banquet & Auction Sept. 29, 5 PM

Our Young Life Committee sincerely thanks you for your support of our auction, our River Run, Banquet and especially the monthly pledges. Huge support from area businesses continues to grow us for Eternal Life! Thank you!





7:00 AM Registration **Opens**

> 8:00 AM **All Races** Start

When?

Palouse Days Sept. 14, 2019 Where?

Bagott Motors Palouse, WA

T-SHIRT Included

\$20 Pre-Registration

Questions?

Mark Sawyer

registrations submitted by 9/5.

*Correct T-shirt sizes are only guaranteed for

AWARDS

Cost?

\$25 Race-Day Registration

Ages 18 & under: \$5 off

Register Online (for an additional fee)

@ www.active.com

mark@garpal.younglife.org Call/Text: (509) 939-2143 Palouse River Run on Facebook

100% of proceeds will support local teens through Young Life.

Awards

around point.

Only the first male/female finisher will receive an award.

The Palouse Days PALOUSE RIVER RUN begins at Bagott Motors on Main Street in historic

Palouse, Washington. The scenic course traverses pavement, sidewalks, walking paths, and

gravel roads through the rolling countryside. Be prepared for hills and travel along roads

shared with vehicular traffic. A water station and first aid kit are available at the 5K turn-

The top 3 finishers per category will be recognized in both the 5K and 10K.

13 and Younger Male/Female

14-18 Male/Female

19-35 Male/Female

36-55 Male/Female

55+ Male/Female

Post-Race

Gatorade or water will be available and awards will be given to the top finishers.

Timing

The event will be timed manually. Competitors will have a tear off sheet attached to their race number that must be filled out prior to the start of the race. The timing will close 90 minutes after

the start of the race.



PALOUSE RIVER RUN REGISTRATION (Circle One) - 5K Run/Walk 10K Run/Walk 1.5K Kids Race						
Name						
Address						
		State Zip				
Phone	Gender	Age on 9/14/2019				
E-mail Adult T-Shirt Size: XXL, XL, L, M, S Youth T-Shirt Size: L, M Note: For the safety of all participants, skateboards, scooters and skates of any kind are prohibited in this event. Waiver of Liability: In consideration of my entry being accepted, I waive any and all claims for myself, my administrators, and my heirs against all officials, sponsors, and organizations connected with the Palouse River Run for injury or illness that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this event. I attest that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event						
		Initial Date				
\$20 Pre-Registration (by 9/13) \$25 Race-Day Registration 18 & Younger \$5 Discount Entry Fee \$ Please Enclose Your Check Payable to YOUNG LIFE						
Contact: Mark Sawyer mark@garp		transferable. 9-2143 Facebook @Palouse River Run 5 S. River Road, Palouse, WA 99161				



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for our youth ministry transition this fall.
- Pray for Phil Doramus, starting chemotherapy.
- Pray for Lori Peters, cancer.
- Pray for Scott & Ariel Schultz, moving to Reardon.
- Pray for Nancy Wolf, recovering from hip surgery.
- Pray for Doreen, friend of Molly Quigley, breast cancer.
- Pray for George Arland, cancer.
- Pray for Donald Fenner, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Susan, who is currently homeless.
- Pray for renewal and revival in our region.
- Pray for Juno, he lost his home to fire.
- Pray for Kaynan Zachow, for strength in his new path.
- Pray for Pastor Martin's wife Mary, health concerns.
- Pray for Doreen Hanson's brother Frank, kidney failure.
- Pray for Lynda Mills, heart issues.
- Pray for Sarah McCusker, Huntington's Disease.
- Pray for Ellen, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Don Comstock, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Barbra Vail, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Carol Stillman, cancer.
- Pray for Bev Glass, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Tecla Blood, ongoing health issues.
- Pray for Richard Gamet, dementia/cancer.
- Pray for Charlotte, friend of Don Gilliland, Parkinson's.
- Pray for Don Gilliland, ongoing health issues.
- Pray for Paula Fielder Leftwich, cancer.
- Pray for Monte, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Brittany Sawyer's Uncle Jon, Alzheimer's.
- Pray for Judy Hart, stroke.
- Pray for Meredith Willcox, cancer.
- Pray for our Bishop Place ministry and ministry team.
- Pray for our national and community leaders.
- Pray for our nation that peace, compassion, love and unity win out over hate, discord and division.
- Pray for your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- Pray for active duty service members.

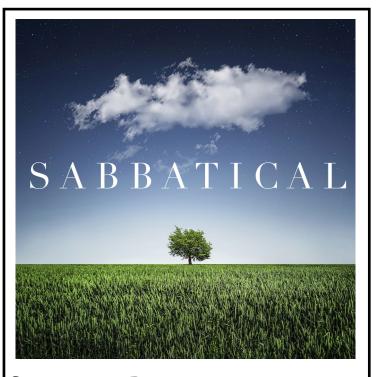
Praises and Prayers for these Missions AND MINISTRIES:

- Pray for Young Life.
- Pray for our International Mission Partners.
- Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital.
- Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- Pray for our missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, orphans).

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Richard Kayser Catherine Tuck

Frances West Don Gilliland Arnetta Tompkins Norm Schorzman Dory Tuttle Steve Gill



SABBATICAL REST

Pastoral Relations Committee Kent Keller, Brenda Brown & Peggy Collier

Our church board has approved a sabbatical leave for Pastor Corey for approximately two months during the summer of 2020. The primary purpose of this sabbatical is rest. Pastor Corey, Tina, Danny, Zoe and Hetty Lee are planning to stay in one location for the duration of the leave and will focus on personal and family renewal.

What is sabbatical? It is traditionally a period of time that is taken away from work approximately once every seven years. The idea is rooted in the Old Testament (Genesis 2, Leviticus 25, Deuteronomy 15), where the importance of sabbath rest is taught. It can be a time to assess an individual's personal and professional life so that he or she can return to work refreshed and rejuvenated.

In addition to the time away, the sabbatical will include careful planning before they leave and follow-up analysis after the return to derive the most benefit from the sabbatical process. As a congregation we will participate: as we equip ourselves for the Laughary's absence in preparation, as we take additional responsibility while they are gone, and as we welcome them back. This is an opportunity for growth in our life together.

During Pastor Corey's absence, Tim Sievers will assume certain pastoral duties providing a degree of continuity of leadership. More details will follow as the time for sabbatical approaches.

Please be in prayer for the upcoming Sabbatical time and feel free to contact Pastor Corey, a board member or the Pastoral Relations Committee if you have any questions.

PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

	00	17	21	58	05
Saturday	3 PM Baby Shower for Keiona Zachow	PALOUSE DAYS 8 AM Palouse River Run Benefitting Young Life	7:30 AM Men's Breakfast		Bible studies with an * are held at PFC.
Friday	06 Palouse Empire Fair	13	20	27	04
Thursday	05 3 РМ Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	26 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	03 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's
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Sunday	SEPTEMBER 01 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 2 PM Baby Shower for Lindsay Brown	9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 11:30 AM Buffalo BBQ 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 10:15 AM NextSteps 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 5 PM Young Life Banquet & Auction

Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives

Sept. 01	9 & 11 AM	Religiosity, Hypocrisy and the God Who Sees	Matthew 6:5-6
Sept. 08	9 & 11 AM	The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:7-8
Sept. 15	9 & 11 AM	The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:9
Sept. 22	9 & 11 AM	The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:10
Sept. 29	9 & 11 AM	The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:10



PULLMAN WORSHIP SERVICE

You're invited to join us for worship in Pullman at our Bishop Place Worship Service. Worship Services are at 1:30 PM in the Social Room - 815 SE Klemgard St.



